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GRIEVANCES OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of senior and junior research scholars associated with agricultural research work in the country institution-wise;

(b) whether the life of the aforesaid research scholars become dark once they cross their age limit for entry into Government service;

(c) the efforts being made by the Government for the future prospects of these research scholars;

(d) whether the Government propose to accord priority to the said research scholars for appointment as scientists/technical officers or on some other similar posts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The research scholars are engaged for various projects under operation at Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes on co-terminus basis. Essentially, they render assistance to scientists working on the project. Since they are not appointed against regular vacancies of the Agricultural Universities or ICAR Institutes, no detailed establishment record is maintained as in the case of regular employees.

(b) No, Sir. The research scholars work in ad hoc and objective specific projects of short duration. The experience acquired helps them in getting jobs in future. Besides, they are free to keep on applying for regular positions during their working on these ad hoc project.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research makes recruitment to various posts in scientific and technical categories through the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board. The research scholars can compete for these posts alongwith others if they fulfil eligibility conditions. Besides, the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board conducts a National Eligibility Test (NET) for various disciplines in agriculture for filling posts of Lecturers/Assistant Professors in SAUs.The research scholars can also take chance alongwith others if they are eligible to qualify the National Eligibility Test, qualifying which makes them eligible for consideration for appointment as Lecturer/Assistant Professor in SAUs.